

The **Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs** (PBI) is back with a full 2009 line-up and kicks off its venerated California Agenda series this month with Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate). With more and more economic news coming our way, the Assemblymember's talk on "Foreclosing on the American Dream" is both fitting and timely.

This is a free and open public event but space is limited to the first 75 RSVP's. Below is the advisory or you can [click here for the online version](#). I hope you can make it!

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Assemblymember Hector De La Torre to Speak on "Foreclosing on the American Dream"

*Last year's PBI Public Servant of the Year honoree will headline the
February 19th kick-off event for the 2009 California Agenda Series*

LOS ANGELES, CA — For nearly three decades, the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles (PBI) has focused on state and community issues and been a standard bearer for the legacy of its namesake. Home ownership has long been promoted as the cornerstone of the American Dream and an important vehicle for building the personal assets of Californians. However, given California's current economic environment and the growing number of home foreclosures across the state, Assemblymember Hector De La Torre will address a number of questions: Is the American dream being significantly deferred? How do we effectively deal with this issue? What role can government play?

WHO – Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (Chair of California State Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review, committee member of the Committee on Housing and Community Development Budget and the Committee on Budget)

WHAT – California Agenda discussion on “Foreclosing on the American Dream”

WHEN – Thursday, February 19, 2009; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE – California State University, Los Angeles in the University Student Union (Los Angeles Room 308A); 5154 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032

WHY – The discussion will touch upon the social and political dynamics that brought us to this economic moment in American and California histories, as well as focus on what we can learn from this crisis moving forward. Assemblymember De La Torre will speak to best practices and policy solutions to navigate us out of the quagmire.

FYI – Parking available on campus at Parking Structure C (only cost \$2 for the two hours). This is a free event open to the public. Please R.S.V.P. at 323.343.3770 or jruiz@cslanet.calstatela.edu.

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The **California Agenda** is a component of the PBI’s Public Policy Education Program and is hosted this year by Southern California Edison and Wells Fargo. It was created to educate and engage leaders and individuals across the sectors on significant state, regional and local public policy issues.